

June is over – the bad news is that the year is half over and the good news is that the days are getting longer. At this stage that means we can see the bad weather for longer!!!

And there is still plenty to do this year. What happened in June?

**1. Plinth for raising a chair**

Paul W got this brief on Thursday morning at Menzshed and delivered it to a needy pensioner on Friday. Thanks to the neighbour who was keeping an eye on her neighbour and to Paul for such prompt service.



**2. Guitar Stands**

Robbie needed some of these for the band he plays with.

Certainly it makes it easier to prop the guitars up during a break.

**3. Kaka Nest Refurbishment**

It is that time again- getting ready for the breeding season. The Kaka's are very destructive inside their nest and like to gnaw at the inside of the nest – I guess it is similar to the inside of rotten or hollow tree trunks which was their natural habitat.



This is one of the ongoing annual jobs we do in preparation for the next nesting season. Mark has become the expert on this type of job for us and makes it look easy. Great work Mark.



#### 4. Firewood

Winter is well and truly on us and a popular support for the locals is the availability of firewood (and it helps with the clearing of offcuts on site).

Charlie, Barry I, and Rashid were toiling away at the saw bench while Derek and Gordon B had set up a drop saw on the 'recycled' bench to provide extra cutting power.

Good work team and the result - more firewood for sale..



#### 5. Magnet on Wheels

Last year Nigel created this useful piece of equipment to clear nails from around the site. Motivation was to minimise flat tyres (after he experienced one as had several others) Alan M reports it is wonderful to clear up after reroofing your house. It was so successful that one of the roofers was planning to build one himself.

#### 6. Lectern for the Marine Hut

Bruce M and John R are busy building this for the Trust at QEII Park adjacent to the Marine Hut ( see last month's article on the ramp). Looks as if it is being built from offcuts of the weather boards from the Hut rebuild. Photos next month.

#### 7. An unusual event!!

Ray W is constructing a trolley for the Gas welder. What is unusual?? It is happens way before the gas bottles are sourced – generally everything is on site and is needed yesterday.

Talk about long term planning.







### 8. Toilet Holder

After the last one rotted away Skip was turned the base for a new and improved toilet paper holder. Rumour has it the rot was caused by a leak from the cistern!!

### 9. Replacement raised garden

The green fingered team are at it again. Part 1 is the tidy up of the yard.



And then not happy with one of the original raised beds they wanted to upgrade it to a new and better one to meet the increased standard. |

Will this one meet the new earthquake standards fully or not??

### 10. Refurbishing Garden Furniture



Grant and Gordon are making progress with the de-rust and refurbishment of a table and two chairs. Should look good and ready for sale.



### 11. Kena Kena School Bottle top artwork

Earlier this year Menzshed Kapiti helped to get this ready to be displayed at the school. The net result was

Quite spectacular really. Now none of us anticipated that the plastic bottle tops we were attaching for the school would turn into this.



And Bill George and Graeme have been finishing of the final pieces. Thanks team.



### 12. Mailboxes

The production team of Murray K, Tony, and the rest of the team have been showing great stickability to progress these. Rumour has it the task is nearing completion.



### 13. Knife and Chisel sharpening

Ray Y and Chris N were honing a range of cutting implements in a study of deep intent. It is great to have a support team for those that make them blunt!!!





#### 14. Onslow Preschool bus

John P reports the pressure is on to get the bus on the rod for the start of the next term.

Good looking bus and a great effort by John P with support from Brent P.



#### 15. Spring is in the air

Yeah right!!But at least the lawn mowers will be ready for action. They would also need floats as well in the recent weather. Thanks to Peter B.



#### 16. Recycled Bench

Derek converted a couple of packing cases for ride on mowers into two very useful outdoor work benches. It reduces the congestion around the Shed, provided the weather is OK.



#### 17. Weta Motels

As well as the tight team of Bill, George and Graeme, Ian P has been helping as the roofer for the motels.



and Graeme diversify month. It is fair to say the Motels and have a



Note: it was good to see Bill, George into the Kena Kena Artwork during the this team has done a wonderful job on stockpile of these hidden in Bay H.

### 18. Refurbishment of Oak Table Top

Gordon McG and Chad (before he disappeared back to the US for a time) have been working on this. Note: it concerned the Committee as no-one seemed to know whose this was but the owner has recently been found.



### 19. Yard Cleanup

This continued during the month and the bulk of the scrap metal has now been sold off with a contribution to the Building Fund. Thanks to those who were involved in this.

### 20. Lizard Cutouts

With 150 of these to be completed it was great to see some of the first lot supplied to Nga Manu being displayed. To quote those who organised us to do the cut outs

“The kids at Paekakariki school painted them. We have publicized the work of the Menzshed in making the lizards via various Facebook pages including that of Nga Uruora

<https://www.facebook.com/nga.uruora/>”

The 150 have been cut out and Ian P showed fine form as he did the finishing work of these. Still a number to finish but we are awaiting for the router bit to continue with these.



### 21. Fundraising

Remember we are now serious about the fundraising for the building extension. Every bit helps and you can make your contribution on Give a Little .

Once again thank you for your efforts over the last month. Keep up the good work.

Cheers  
PeterR

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